

## NHS NETWORKS weekly news stories:

11:04am, 4 December 2020

### [Coping with PPE: top tips from actors used to working in restrictive clothing & equipment](#)

The Covid crisis has highlighted the vital need to support healthcare staff and Performing Medicine has released a suite of free digital resources; including 'Coping with PPE.'

11:02am, 4 December 2020

### [Open surgery advice sessions -premises matters](#)

Estate strategies need to be developed across all systems and primary care networks based on clinical strategies.

11:01am, 4 December 2020

### [Accessing your GP](#)

To support general practice, NHS England has created an animation to help explain to the public how they can continue to access GP services, including how to get in contact, the different ways care may be delivered, and how face-to-face appointments have changed.

11:00am, 4 December 2020

### [Dates for registration assessment exam for provisionally registered pharmacists](#)

The General Pharmaceutical Council has announced dates for the registration assessment exam for those who were provisionally registered as pharmacists in July 2020.

10:58am, 4 December 2020

[New statistics on cervical screening](#)

The latest annual report on cervical screening coverage in England has been published by NHS Digital.

10:56am, 4 December 2020

[Understanding public attitudes to the early years](#)

The insights contained within this report highlight the need to help people understand the importance of the early years.

10:42am, 3 December 2020

[SocialPrescriberPlus - essential training for social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches](#)

With the additional roles reimbursement scheme supporting social prescribing link workers, care coordinators and health coaches, practically focused training is essential for these posts to provide effective and efficient support to practices.

10:38am, 3 December 2020

[Extended flu vaccination programme for 50-64 year olds](#)

50-64 year olds are now eligible for a free flu vaccination today.

10:37am, 3 December 2020

[Guidance on urgent community response](#)

This technical guide will help providers of community health services record data relating to the national standards for delivering crisis response care within two hours and reablement care within two days.

10:36am, 3 December 2020

### [How England will end new cases of HIV](#)

The HIV Commission is an ambitious, independent process to find the path to ending new HIV transmissions and HIV-attributed deaths in England by 2030.

10:35am, 3 December 2020

### [The future of the public health system in England](#)

This briefing explores what needs to be put in place to make progress on the government's commitments to improve the nation's health.

10:33am, 3 December 2020

### [The College of Optometrists issue eye health tips for winter](#)

As we are about to enter a cold snap, The College of Optometrists is urging the public to take steps to protect their vision and eye health this winter, particularly as many more people are working from home.

10:01am, 2 December 2020

### [Develop your personal resilience](#)

The last few months have been fast-paced and demanding. Working lives have become more stressful, we've all been managing change at pace and the home/work balance is more challenging than ever.

09:58am, 2 December 2020

### [NHS staff are using innovative timebanking technology to collaborate and improve services](#)

Timebanking is a mechanism whereby participants exchange their expertise on the basis that 1 hour of their time = 1 credit.

09:57am, 2 December 2020

### [UK authorises Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#)

The government has authorised the first COVID-19 vaccine following, recommendations from the independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to approve Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine for use.

09:56am, 2 December 2020

### [Enhanced Service Specification: COVID-19 vaccination programme 2020/21](#)

NHS England has published the Enhanced Service Specification for Primary Care Networks who have received confirmation that they will be local vaccination centres, alongside a letter about the next steps.

09:53am, 2 December 2020

### [CVDPREVENT: A national primary care audit to support quality improvement](#)

NHS England are happy to announce that GP practices are now invited to participate in CVDPREVENT.

09:48am, 2 December 2020

### [Management of patients with musculoskeletal and rheumatic conditions](#)

An update to the clinical guide for the management of patients with musculoskeletal and rheumatic conditions who are already taking corticosteroids, or require initiation of

oral/IV corticosteroids, or require a corticosteroid injection in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic has been published on the British Society of Rheumatology website.

09:44am, 2 December 2020

### Optometry profession thanked

Medical Director for Primary Care Nikki Kanani, along with the UK's three other heads of profession and the regulators, have written to the profession to thank them for their hard work to date and supporting optometry and dispensing optical professionals through the second wave of COVID-19.

09:43am, 2 December 2020

### The state of medical education and practice

This report finds that, despite the pressures caused by Covid-19, 89 per cent of doctors experienced at least one positive change during the pandemic.

10:23am, 1 December 2020

### Reflect, build on the learning and remain resilient

The December edition of PCC Insight is now available, with reflections on the last year, a year where it felt the world shifted on its axis.

10:21am, 1 December 2020

### Homeshare schemes deliver improved outcomes for older people

Homeshare is set to play a much greater role in helping the NHS deliver improved outcomes for older people.

10:20am, 1 December 2020

[Post-discharge support for mental health patients](#)

NHS England published guidance on winter funding for post-discharge support for mental health patients.

10:19am, 1 December 2020

[More GPs to receive electronic notifications of flu vaccinations](#)

An NHS Digital service which sends information about flu vaccinations electronically from pharmacies to GP practices has been expanded ahead of winter.

10:17am, 1 December 2020

[EU Exit readiness survey](#)

NHS England has launched a survey that all EU Exit senior responsible officers in CCGs and NHS trusts (acute, community, mental health and ambulance) should complete by 12 noon on Friday 4 December.

10:13am, 1 December 2020

[Community testing to help lift restrictions in highest tiers](#)

Details of a new community testing offer have been set out by the government to help local areas detect asymptomatic cases, suppress the virus and offer a route out of the toughest restrictions.

10:41am, 30 November 2020

[Integrating Care - The next steps](#)

NHS England has published Integrating Care - The next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England, this builds on previous publications that set

out proposals for legislative reform and is primarily focused on the operational direction of travel.

10:37am, 30 November 2020

### Patient Experience Radio

The Patient Experience Network (PEN) is developing a series of 10-15 minute podcasts, sharing work being done to improve the patient experience.

10:36am, 30 November 2020

### NHS Standard Contract for 2021/22 proposals

NHS England are consulting on significant changes to the arrangements for contracting and paying for low-volume flows of activity between CCGs and trusts, to take effect from 1 April 2021.

10:30am, 30 November 2020

### How could the NHS better use its facilities to support social prescribing, holistic care and community resilience?

The NHS long-term plan has pledged to refer at least 900,000 people to social prescribing by 2023/24 to help improve people's wellbeing; the fitter, healthier and more socially connected people are, the less likely it is they'll need to access local GP or other health professionals.

10:25am, 30 November 2020

### PHE publishes COVID-19 vaccine guidance

Public Health England has published new guidance to support frontline workers in delivering the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine to the most vulnerable.

10:23am, 30 November 2020

[UK government secures additional Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#)

The UK now has access to a total of 357 million doses of vaccines from seven different developers. The UK government has signed a deal for a further 2 million doses of Moderna's promising vaccine candidate, bringing the total to 7 million doses for the UK.

**NHS NETWORKS weekly editor's blog entries:**

16:14pm, 3 December 2020

[What now for commissioning?](#)

By Professor David Colin-Thomé, OBE, chair of PCC and formerly a GP for 36 years, the National Clinical Director of Primary, Dept of Health England 2001- 10 and visiting Professor Manchester and Durham Universities.